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MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE IN LEE'S SUMMIT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican man was sentenced in federal court today for distributing powder cocaine in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Ruben Miranda, 35, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On May 11, 2004, **Miranda** pleaded guilty to distributing cocaine. **Miranda** admitted that he distributed one ounce of powder cocaine in the 1600 block of Northeast Douglas Street in Lee's Summit, on Sept. 18, 2002. **Miranda** also admitted to distributing powder cocaine on an additional six occasions between October 2002 and February 2003. **Miranda** distributed a total of approximately 243 grams of powder cocaine on the seven separate occasions, Graves said.

Miranda was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 8, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew P. Wolesky. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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